

Q&A Addendum

General program questions

The following are responses to questions submitted during the Discoveries in Safety Grants program open question period for the 2024 funding cycle. Please reference the FAQ and each Notice of Funding Opportunity for additional details.

Multiple submissions/Pis:

Can a PI submit more than one LOI for each funding opportunity?

A PI may submit multiple applications addressing the different focus areas of a funding opportunity. However, only one application can be submitted to each focus area within the funding opportunity.

Are the number of applications per institution limited in any way?

There is no limit to the number of applications that can be submitted by an institution.

Is it okay to have Pis from different organizations, and if so, how can this be indicated in the LOI submission?

Pis from different organizations are allowed. In ProposalCentral, applicants will indicate a lead Project Director in the LOI, and additional Pis will be listed as co-Pis.

Budget and Terms & Conditions:

Are these grants structured as sponsored research or unrestricted gifts?

This is a competitive grant with restrictions described in the individual funding opportunity's Notice of Funding Opportunity and our [Program Terms & Conditions](#).

If awarded, do grantee institutions pay out directly and then invoice after they've spent funds?

Yes, the reimbursement and invoicing process and timeline are detailed in our Program Terms & Conditions available on our webpage.

Do you allow a portion of awards granted in this cycle to be allocated toward overhead?

It is ULRI's policy to cap the overhead costs at 25% of modified total direct costs, as described in more detail in the [overhead policy](#) on our website. Salaries, benefits, material and supplies, travel, other services, and subawards are direct costs for which overhead may generally be charged. See the complete policy for direct cost eligibility.

Could we use funds to upgrade equipment in the budget request?

Yes, equipment purchases are allowable, please consult the [Program Terms & Conditions](#) on the program's website for additional information.

Can you please clarify the budget limit? Is this budget limited to total costs or only direct costs?

The total award amount listed for each program includes direct and indirect costs, please reference our overhead policy found on the Discoveries in Safety Grants program website and the [Program Terms & Conditions](#).

Why does the LOI submission's budget prompt include both "an estimate of the total cost of the project" and "the amount requested of ULRI." Is there an expectation of cost-sharing from applicants?

Applicants are asked to submit the project's total cost, as well as the amount requested from ULRI, as these amounts may not be identical. Cost-sharing is allowable, but not required.

Eligibility:**If the PI is a U.S. permanent resident but holds citizenship in a country under U.S export control or sanctions, does this render them ineligible?**

U.S. permanent residents are eligible to apply. Final decisions on eligibility will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Scientific Scope:**What if my topic is outside of the focus areas?**

Submissions will be evaluated based on the focus area described in the Notice of Funding Opportunity.

The main product of the work that I do is going to be peer-reviewed journal articles. Is that ULRI's expectation with the work funded by this mechanism, or are there other deliverables?

Please refer to the individual funding opportunity's Notice of Funding Opportunity for any guidance on preferred research deliverables.